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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

FOREIGN.—England was reported to be participating in the Franco-German negotiations on the subject of Morocco. Ten persons were killed, six of them women, in an automobile accident near Newcastle, England, yesterday. The Parisian Journalist, completed his journey around the world in 39 days, 19 hours, 43 minutes and 47.4 seconds; he made the trip from Cherbourg to Paris by automobile. The French sent of the metal workers at Dresden and Chemnitz were locked out. A fugitive from justice murdered his wife, her parents, her brother and sister and then himself in the province of Hesse-Nassau, Germany. Frost caused considerable damage in the wheat growing area of Alberta and Saskatchewan, Canada.

DOMESTIC.—President Taft, speaking at Hamilton, Mass., today, said that the tariff for politics only bills. The known dead in the Manchester, N. Y., train wreck numbered twenty-seven, and all except five were killed. The Boston Herald, yesterday, reported that the Boston Police Department had received information that a vessel would be used for shooting at aeroplanes. Tests of the new gun designed for shooting at aeroplanes were made at the Indian Head, Md., naval proving grounds, in the course of experiments a shell was fired into the air to an altitude of 15,000 feet. In his annual report to the War Department, Major General Grant, commander of the Department of the East, criticized the hospital corps of the army as being too small for efficient service. Three men and five women were held with a detainer in the charge of murder at West Chester, Penn., in connection with the lynching of a negro at Coatesville, Penn., recently.

CITY.—Stock prices were lower on further action of the market. Dr. Lyman Abbott replied to Mayor Gaynor's recent letter, pointing out specific details of the proposed new charter to which he objected. At the Bureau of the Department of the East, criticized the hospital corps of the army as being too small for efficient service. Three men and five women were held with a detainer in the charge of murder at West Chester, Penn., in connection with the lynching of a negro at Coatesville, Penn., recently.

THE WEATHER.—Indications for today, generally fair, with temperature: Highest, 78 degrees; lowest, 63.

LOVELY.

Mr. Underwood, the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives, has not the grace to admit—as most fair-minded Democratic newspapers now admit—that the cotton, iron and steel and chemical tariff bill richly deserved a Presidential veto. In his speech to the National Italian Democratic League in this city the other day he said:

"We have not kept our promises with idle words. We have presented to the President of the United States five great bills expressing our views as to what the tariff should be in the interest of the American people—and they would be law to-day if they had not met his veto. In those veto messages I regret to say that I do not believe that the President of the United States rose to the high ideals of the great office he administered."

That was a sweeping and certainly a very risky statement, for it can easily be shown from the record that the bill carrying three of the five of the schedules—the cotton, the iron and steel and the chemical—did not express the views of the Ways and Means Committee of the House, and was so ignorantly altered in the Senate at the suggestion of a Democratic Senator really hostile to it as to invite the disapproval of any President able to the duty of preventing the enactment of crude and unintelligent legislation.

When zealous low-tariff newspapers like "The World" and "The Evening Post" admit that the revised cotton, iron and steel and chemical schedules ought to have been vetoed, because they were shaken together in one measure without knowledge or consideration, what becomes of Mr. Underwood's assertion that they expressed the Democratic party's matured views "as to what the tariff should be in the interest of the American people"? Mr. Underwood and his associates never saw the revised chemical schedule until it came to them attached to the cotton bill. The only authority quoted to show that it was all right was an unnamed Treasury clerk. The House of Representatives accepted that unnamed authority as adequate, and without investigating the schedule rushed it on to the President. And it did this in spite of the fact that the leader of the Democrats and the leader of the Insurgents to the Senate both deprecated the adop-

tion of the chemical rider as impolitic and dangerous.

In the debate in the Senate on August 17 John Sharp Williams, who is looked to more than any other Democrat for leadership on the tariff question in that body, uttered a warning against extemporized legislation like the revised chemical schedule, saying: "I am not willing to be put on record as endorsing amendments containing 'page after page of tariff schedules, when I know that they neither have been considered at the other end of the Capitol nor can be considered by the time the amendment reaches the other end of the Capitol.' Although he voted for the chemical schedule, he frankly admitted: 'I am inclined to think that I made a mistake when I did it.'"

Senator La Follette, Mr. Underwood's collaborator in most of the revision undertaken at the last session, was even more explicit. He said when Mr. Overman's rider was under consideration: "The whole subject of the chemical schedule is one so intricate and complicated and its relation to the cotton schedule is such that I have no hesitation whatever in voting to reject the amendment proposed by the Senator from North Carolina."

DR. ABBOTT AND THE MAYOR.

At least Mayor Gaynor can no longer complain that Dr. Lyman Abbott has failed to specify the details in the proposed charter for this city to which he objects, whether or not the Mayor remains discouraged by the attitude of opposition. Item by item the Mayor's letter of protest has been answered by the clergyman, who takes pains this time to point out the sections in the charter as to the interpretation and effect of which he and the city's executive differ so widely. It is impossible to believe that the Mayor has yet read this charter which he is defending so vigorously, for if he had his legal experience and acumen would have grasped immediately the facts which Dr. Abbott brings forward and the deductions he makes from them.

Mayor Gaynor, for instance, could not see that the executive's powers were increased, save in the matter of a suspensive veto over resolutions of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment appropriating money, which provision was taken from the Evans and Hammond drafts. Dr. Abbott points out the Mayor's power to appoint a majority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, a power heretofore lodged in the board itself; his power to order the destruction of public records; his power to appoint and replace the present board of trustees, appointed on the nomination of certain charitable organizations; his power to appoint a "vice-mayor" for sixty-day periods, and, finally, his confused provision requiring his separate approval for the validity of each franchise with the suspensive veto over financial resolutions of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, as he failed to mention it in his communication to Dr. Abbott. Yet it is a provision entirely new in this draft of the charter and assuredly confers on the Mayor a power in traction matters never lodged with the executive before. The possibility of the public's being forced to accept rapid transit extensions from an objectionable corporation and on bad terms rather than to extensions at all, which a dead-end between the Mayor and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment under this new power of the Mayor's could bring about, seems to Dr. Abbott extremely pertinent in the present situation.

Dr. Abbott points out to the Mayor that in the civil service sections of this charter requirements for appointments to the civil service on evidence of fitness apparently have been omitted. In the education chapter he indicates the chain which almost inevitably would drag the entire school system into politics—the appointment of a partisan paid board by a Mayor and the appointment by that board of the board of examiners, who would fill places in the staff "so far as practicable by examinations, which, so far as practicable, shall be competitive." Finally, the clergyman notes his failure to find in the charter proposed any section permitting removal by the Governor of the Mayor and Borough Presidents, which the Mayor assured him had not been done away with.

"This is not democracy," Dr. Abbott says of this charter draft and the way it was prepared in secrecy and almost jammed through the Legislature. It is not. It is Democracy—Democracy of the Murphy-Tammam Hall brand, and Mayor Gaynor seems to have accepted it bodily. He, a few members of the Cities Committees of the Legislature, and their paid employees and one or two officeholders are the only defenders of this charter. Their defence so far has been of such a character that anybody deeply interested in its becoming law should pay that it be saved from its friends.

THE FRENCH PENULTIMATE.

It is not an ultimatum, we are told, which France is presenting to Germany. It is simply a statement of France's maximum offer to Germany in settlement of the acute controversy over Morocco. To the mind of the proverbial man in the street there may seem to be more distinction than difference between the two. Perhaps we may compromise the terminology by calling it a penultimate. It is France's ultimate offer, but that does not necessarily mean that its refusal will precipitate war. For while France will offer no more than she is now offering she does not shut the door against further negotiations by declaring that she will not consider any greater demands by Germany.

The situation is precisely as we conceived and defined it some weeks ago. France wants present predominance and ultimate proprietorship in Morocco. Under the Algeiras treaty she has something very much like that. But that treaty expires in the near future, and Germany practically serves notice that upon its expiration its principles will be regarded as open to the political and military exploitation of all powers—specifically by Germany on equal footing with France, in token whereof Ger-

THE WOMAN AND THE MARKET BASKET.

Certain women of Flushing who have attacked the problem of the high cost of living have exhibited a degree of common sense which should go far toward bringing about a successful solution. Impressed by the high prices they had to pay for vegetables and other foodstuffs produced near by, they have been urging the establishment of a public market where consumers might avoid paying the profits of the middlemen by doing business direct with the farmers. Scoffers have arisen to declare the plan impracticable. As their most damaging argument they have pointed out that the women who patronized this market would have to carry the old-fashioned, almost forgotten market basket, and, surely, no woman of pretensions to social eminence would dare be caught in public with a utilitarian market basket on her arm.

These arguments the women answered by selecting a committee to investigate a market of the kind proposed. That committee has reported favorably. And as for the market basket idea, the report says, "we do not believe a woman would lose an iota of social prestige by carrying market baskets through the streets." "This is no famine time, so why should we be forced to pay family prices for foodstuffs that are grown so near by?" The idea that a housewife who gives personal attention to the details of purchasing supplies for her household and exercises business judgment enough

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